

REGULAR MEETING INCLUDING PUBLIC HEARING  
ON 2021 PROPOSED BUDGET  
LIMESTONE APPRAISAL DISTRICT  
July 21, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Limestone Appraisal District met in regular session at 3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 21, 2020, in the Appraisal District board room in Groesbeck, Texas.

Members present: John McCarver, Troy Miller, Mack Jones, Ron Franks & Stacy Hall  
Members absent: Jack Beene  
Visitors: None  
Attorney: Kathleen Dow  
Staff present: Karen Wietzikoski

Chairman, John McCarver called the meeting to order. Karen Wietzikoski, Chief Appraiser, certified proof of posting the meeting notice. The meeting began with a prayer led by Troy Miller and then the pledges.

Mack Jones made the motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Ron Franks seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Mr. Miller made the motion to approve the payment of bills. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

No public comments were received

Corrections of the Appraisal Roll under Tax Code 25.25b PTC were presented to the board. Mr. Miller made the motion to approve this report. Mr. Franks seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

The Public Fund Investment Policy 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report for 2020 was presented for approval. Mr. Jones made the motion to approve this report. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Next on the agenda was to consider the proposals for the appraisal of commercial properties. Longhorn Appraisal Services LLC, along with Eagle Property Tax Appraisal & Consulting Inc. had each submitted a proposal for such services. Longhorn is a newly formed company working commercial properties and proposed to do such work in the amount of \$24,400/yr for years 2021, 2022 and 2023. Eagle is an established firm and their proposal included doing the same work for \$14,000 for 2021 and \$16,000/yr for 2022 and 2023. After review and discussion, Mr. Jones made to motion to contract with Eagle Property Tax Appraisal & Consulting Inc. for the appraisal of commercial properties for the next three years. Mr. Franks seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

On a motion by Mr. Franks and a second by Mr. Miller, the board unanimously voted to renew the contract with Pritchard and Abbott Inc for the appraisal of Mineral, Industrial, Utility and Personal property for the next three years for the amount of \$83,500 each year. (2021, 2022 and 2023)

At 3:17 PM the meeting was then opened for a Public Hearing on the Proposed Appraisal Budget for 2021. No visitors were present to speak for or against the proposed budget. The public hearing was closed at 3:20 PM and the open meeting reconvened. By resolution, Mr. Jones made the motion to adopt the 2021 Appraisal Budget in the amount of \$1,097,511. Mr. Franks seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

The holiday schedule for 2021 was presented. Mr. Franks made the motion to approve the schedule. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Regarding the office closure due to Covid-19, this agenda item was tabled and will be reviewed again at the September meeting. In the meantime, the office remains closed but

is fully functional servicing the public by telephone, fax, emails, drop box and website information.

Kathleen Dow, attorney, was present but there were no new legal matters to discuss.

Mrs. Wietzikoski reported on the ARB hearings that were held by telephone conference. Although more hearings are scheduled in August, the majority of protests have been taken care of.

The appraisal rolls were certified on July 16<sup>th</sup> and certified values have been delivered to all the taxing jurisdictions. All taxing entities (except for one) saw substantial value increases over 2019. It will now be up to each taxing jurisdiction to set their tax rates which will determine whether or not property owners will see an increase/decrease in their tax bills. Appraisers will soon start field work for the 2021 reappraisal which will include Coolidge ISD and re-checks for new improvements throughout the county.

There being no further business Mr. Miller made the motion to adjourn.  
Mr. Franks seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

John McCarver-Chairman

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Stacy Hall-Secretary